



# INFORMATION SHEET

## FIREARMS AND ACREAGE

### Purpose

This document explains the relationship between property size (acreage) and the types of firearms permitted for hunting in Western Australia. It outlines the recommended minimum land sizes for various firearm chambering sizes and provides key information for individual hunting licence holders and property owners.

### Key Points for Individual Hunting Licence Holders

Under the *Firearms Act 2024* (s.39) and *Firearms Regulations 2024* (r.35–41), individuals holding a Hunting Licence must have a valid standard hunting permission for each firearm listed on their licence. This permission, previously referred to as a "property letter", must be issued by a registered landowner through the WA Police Force Firearms Portal. It serves as confirmation of the licence holder's genuine reason to possess and use the firearm for lawful hunting activities. If a hunting permission is revoked or expires, the licence holder has 28 days to obtain a new one; otherwise, their licence may be suspended and firearms seized.

### Information for Property Owners

Registered properties will be subject to maximum calibre restrictions based on their acreage.

Property owners in possession of a Hunting Licence are not subject to these maximum calibre restrictions. Instead, Licensing Services will assess the suitability of the firearm use against the declared purpose.

Maximum calibre restrictions for registered properties may be increased following an assessment of factors such as, topography, landscape characteristics, and surrounding infrastructure.

Although exempt from land size thresholds, property owners in possession of a Hunting Licence must still register their property via the WA Police Force Firearms Portal. This registration ensures compliance with the *Firearms Regulations 2024* and supports safe and lawful firearm use on private land.

### Minimum Land Size and Firearm Tiers

The tables below outline the minimum land size requirements. They are intended to assist in understanding which types of firearms are generally considered suitable for different property sizes.

**Table 1 – Minimum Acreage Requirements**

5 acres	10 acres	50 acres	100 acres	300 acres
Tier 1 Air Rifle	Tier 2 Air Rifle	Tier 1 Centrefire	Tier 2 Centrefire	Tier 3 Centrefire
Tier 1 Shotgun	Tier 2 Rimfire			
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**Table 2 - Chambering Tiers**

Tier	Category	Popular Chambering Sizes
1	Air Rifle	177 Air, 22 Air
	Shotgun	410 Bore, 16 Gauge, 20 Gauge, 28 Gauge, 12 Gauge
	Rimfire Rifle	17 Mach 2, 22 Short, 22 Long Rifle
	Centrefire Rifle	17 Hornet, 22 Hornet, 30-30 Winchester, 300 Blackout, 32-20 Winchester, 357 Magnum, 38-40 Winchester, 38-55 Winchester, 44-40 Winchester, 45-70 Government, 9mm, 17 Remington, 204 Ruger, 218 Bee, 222 Remington, 223 Remington, 44 Rem Mag
2	Air Rifle	30 Air, 50 Air
	Rimfire Rifle	22 Magnum, 17 HMR, 17 WSM
	Centrefire Rifle	22-250 Remington, 458 Winchester Magnum, 458 Lott, 500 Nitro, 243 Winchester, 308 Winchester, 7mm-08, 6.5 Creedmoor, 7.62 Nato, 303 British, 375 Holland & Holland, 260 Remington
3	Centrefire Rifle	25-06 Remington, 270 Winchester, 30-06 Springfield, 300 Winchester Magnum, 338 Winchester Magnum, 7MM Remington, 300 Remington Ultra Magnum,

## Reminders for Property Owners

While minimum land sizes do not apply to property owners, any application for a firearm must still be assessed by Licensing Services to determine whether the firearm is suitable for the declared purpose. If a property owner intends to issue hunting permissions to licence holders, they must first register their property using the WA Police Force Firearms Portal.

For more information or to apply online, please visit the WA Police Force Firearms Licensing Portal or view the Firearms Information available on the WA Police Force website.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/licensing-services-firearms>